THE BOTTOM.

MERSEY-THE WHITE STAR LINER'S ROWS STOVE IN, BUT NO LIVES LOST ON EITHER VESSEL-A WILD PANIC ON THE DECKS

OF THE CUMBRAE-LORD DUNBAVEN AMONG THE PASSENGERS WHO

Liverpool, Dec. 11.-The White Star Line meamer Germanic, Captain McKinstry, which sailed hence to-day for New-York, came into collision shortly after leaving the Mersey with the steamer Cumbrae, of Glasgow, inward bound for Liverpool. The Cumbrae was sunk and the Germanic's bows were stove.

Fortunately, the accident resulted in no loss of life. The Germanic rescued the passengers and crew of the wrecked vessel and returned to this port. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the

Lord Dunraven and the members of John Hare's company, including Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hare, son and daughter-in-law of John Hare; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Groves, and Mr and Mrs. F. G. Curzon. Mrs. Curzon is the actress Ellice Jef-

A CRASH IN THE FOG.

The Germanic left her quay under an easy head of steam. The weather at the time was extremely thick, and every precaution was taken to avoid an accident. Two seamen were stationed in the crow's nest, in addition to the ordinary lookout. After about eight miles of slow steaming, warning whistles being sounded mean-time at short intervals, the vessel reached Crosby Channel. By this time the fog had become so inchannel. By this time the fog had become so in-tense as to hide everything from view. Suddenly a whistle sounded close by, and the Germanic promptly responded. It has too late, however, to avoid a collision, and the White Star liner struck the Cumbrae a sianting blow between the forecastle and the forehatch. The Germanic's how penetrated the side of the Cumbrae to a depth of fourteen feet. If the Germanic had been

depth of fourteen feet. If the Germanic had been under more way she would doubtless have cut the smaller vessel completely in two.

On the Cumbrae's decks a scene of terror ensued. There were twenty-eight passengers on the vessel, including a number of women and children, who rushed to and fro, shricking in their terror, or fell on their knees and prayed aloud to be saved. On the Germanic also there was much excitement, all the passengers rushing on deck to ascertain what had happened. The shock of the collision was not severe anough be wever. to the collision was not severe enough, however, to cause great alarm, and the excitement on the big liner soon subsided.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

Captain McKinstry at once ordered sufficient way to be maintained to keep the bows of the Germanic in the hole made in the Cumbrae's side, and officers and men calmly and actively proceeded to the work of rescue. Belts, ropes and dders were thrown on the Cumbrae's deck, and ithin a minute all the passengers and crew of le doomed vessel had either scrambled or been hauled on the Germanic's deck. One passenger was slightly injured while being hauled on board, and a woman fell overboard, but was instantly rescued by a boat from the Germanic, which had been previously lowered. When all were safe, the Germanic's engines were reversed and the vestigation.

The Cumbrae immediately lurched and began to settle. Seventeen of the Cumbrae's crew and a lozen of the Germanic's men entered a boat, with dozen of the Germanic's men entered a boat, with the intention of boarding the Curabrae in order to draw her fires to prevent an explosion and to try to save property. They rowed within fifty yards of the sinking vessel, when she suddenly plunged forward and went down. The Cumbrae foundered in comparatively shallow water, the tide being three-quarters full. The boat's crew fixed lights on the masts of the sunten steamer to warn passing vessels. The sea was calra at the time, but the fog still prevalled and the boat could not find the Germanic. After cruising around for a while, the boat was found by the tug Gamecock, which took the men on board. The Germanic's men were transferred to their vessel, while the Gamecock conveyed the Cumbrae's sailors to Liverpool. The passengers and crew of the wrecked vessel lost everything.

vessel lost everything.

Among the passengers on the Cumbrae were the members of a provincial theatrical company, who were going to Birkenhead to perform the play, "Saved from the Sea."

THE DAMAGE TO THE GERMANIC.

Immediately after the collision occurred the Germanic's watertight compartments were closed and every precaution to secure the safety of the vessel was taken. After the rescue of those on board the Cumbrae, an examination of the Germanic was made. It showed that twenty feet of the vessel's bows above the water line were damaged, and the captain decided to return to port. Subsequently the Germanic anchored off Egremont, where the passengers of both the Germanic and the Cumbrae were embarked on tugs landed at Liverpool, where they were con-

veyed to hotels.

The passengers of the Germanic have received the option of proceeding for New-York on the Umoria on December 14, or in the Teutonic on December 18. The Germanic will be docked tomorrow morning.

Late to-night it was arranged to have the Adriatic sail to-morrow in the place of the

LORD DUNRAVEN'S EXPERIENCE.

Lord Dunraven said that he was in the cabin when the collision occurred, and that he was extremely hungry, and was awaiting the summons to dinner. He did not feel any pronounced sensation when the steamships struck. He heard only a slight crash. He denied that there was any excitement among the passengers on board. Everybody, he said, showed the utmost coolness. All the officers of the steamer were at their posts, and it was evident that the greatest celerity had been shown, as when he reached the deck the passengers and crew of the Cumbrae were already being hauled on beard the Germanic. board the Germanic.

board the Germanic.

Mr. Helmsley, the manager for John Hare, said that he was standing on the deck when the collision happened, and the shock was just enough to disturb his balance. He attributed the rescue of the woman who fell into the water to the good work of the Germanic's crew in lowering the boats. Nobody on the Germanic, he said, imagined that the vessel was in peril. The members of Mr. Hare's company will sail on the Umbria.

The White Star steamship Germanic, though not as large as the Teutonic or Majestic, is a commodious and popular ship. Among her passengers was the Earl of Dunraven, who is coming to New-York for the purpose of giving evidence in the in vestigation of the charges recently made by him

vestigation of the charges recently made by minagainst the Defender.

The Germanic is an iron screw steamship, 455
feet long, 45 feet beam, 23 feet deep and 5.00 tone
gross and 3,50 tons net register. She was built in
Beifast by Hariand & Wolft in 1874 and is owned by
the White Star Line, of Liverpoo. Her officers
are as follows: Captain, E. R. McKinstry; purser,
H. J. Thorpe; surgeon, Dr. Fourness-Bice; chief
orgineer, John McIntosh; second engineer, Edward
Gordon; third engineer, F. W. Ruddie; chief officer,
G. I. Cavin; first officer, W. H. Calvert; second officer, W. S. Atkins; third officer, F. M. Sargent; chief
steward, James Erbing.
Last year her interior was remodelled and tripleexpansion engines were put in, which enabled her to
enter the list of seven-day vesses.

The repairs cost \$250,000, and were made with a
view to increasing her speed one day and reducing
the amount of fuel consumed. Her first trip to this
port since being remodelled was made in seven
days six hours and ten minutes. She now burns
only ninety-five tons of coal a day. The Germanic
has made over 440 trips, during which her immense
single screw has spun out in her wake over 1,500,000
miles

The Cumbrae, which the Germanic sunk, is a against the Defender.

The Cumbrae, which the Germanic sunk, is a small steamship, built at Glasgow in 1862. She is 116 feet long, 19 feet beam, and draws 6 feet 8 inches of water. She is owned by J. Rogers & Co. of Glasgow, and was at one time named the Victory and later the Marquis of Lorne.

Lord Dunraven will probably sall on the Umbria. I for a Dunraven will probably sall on the Umbria. I conference of the Cunard Line, which leaves Liverpool on Saturday for this port. This statement was made by a White Ster Line official last night.

DECISION FOR MAYOR PINGREE.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—The suit of Secretary Tryon, of the Board of Fire Commissioners, against Mayor Pingree, for \$25,000 damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, was decided this morning in the Mayor's favor. The Court threw out the false imprisonment count in the complaint, and the jury decided that there was no cause for action on the other count. The case of Fire Commissioner Goodifellow against the Mayor for a similar amount of damages on the same charges will probably be drouned.

NATI NARROWLY AVERTED.

COLLISION IN A DENSE FOG JUST OUTSIDE THE FIRE STARTED NEAR THE MAGAZINE, BUT WAS THE SENATE COMMITTEE TURNS ITS ATTENTION SHE DECLARES TO AN AUNT IN THE TOMBS THAT EXTINGUISHED BY THE BRAVERY AND COOL-

NESS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN JUST

IN TIME TO PREVENT A TER-RIBLE EXPLOSION

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec 11 .- A dispatch to "The Times-Union" from Key West says: Yesterday about 2:30 p. m. smoke was discovered issuing from the coal bunkers next to the magazine on board the United States cruiser Cincinnati. The bunkers had not been opened in three months, and the fire was from spontaneous combustion. When discovered the fire had made such headway as to have the walls between the bunkers and the magazine redhot. The wooden casings in which the fixed ammunition was inclosed had

been burned away. As soon as the alarm was given every man was at his post, the magazine was flooded, and the danger was soon over. A few moments more and the magazine would have exploded, killing coolness of Captain Johnson and his officers and the discipline of the crew averted what might have been one of the most serious calami-ties which has ever happened on board an Ameri-

can man-of-war.
In consequence of the heavy norther from yestion was had with the shore to report the fire

AN ORPHAN ASYLUM DESTROYED.

THE YOUTHFUL INMATES, 192 IN NUMBER, ES-CAPE IN SAFETY.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 11.-A large fire is raging in the suburb of St. Francis, and is at this hour-19 o'clock-not yet under control. The St. Amelianus Orphan Asylum was completely stroyed, and it is possible that the flames may spread to the Catholic Seminary, which is separated from the asylum only by a small creek. The wind is blowing a gale and all communication by wire is interrupted.

Close to the asylum are the chapel, the printing office and a barn, which are all built in the shape of a triangle. The fire started in the printing office at 6 o'clock. At this hour all employes stopped work, and the pressman, "Chris" Fuhrmann, accidentally knocked over a lamp, which explodes. He tried to extinguish the fire by throwing clothes over the flames, but at the same instant the door was thrown open by the storm, while the draught oment was on fire. The pressman rushed out of the building and called for help, but as there is no fire department at St. Francis, the flames are their way to other parts of the building. In the asylum there were 192 boys, ranging in age from three to fifteen. They all marched out in good order and no one was hurt.

was formed and help asked from this city. engine companies were ordered to the scene of the fire, but they were absolutely powerless.

DEMOCRATS NEARLY LOSE CHARLESTON

THEY ELECT A MAYOR BY 278 MAJORITY, BUT THE

A. P. A. HAS HALF THE ALDERMEN. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 11 .- The complete, but unofficial, returns from the municipal election show that Smyth, the Democratic candidate, was elected Mayor of Charleston for the next four years by a majority of 278 voics. The Democrats have elected twelve out of twenty-four Aldermen, the other twelve being chosen by the A. P. A. This gives control to the Democrats by Mayor Smyth's casting vote. The Board of Aldermen is an excellent one, and the conting council is pecked to the commerce, and industrial development of the city's resources.

A MINISTER IN CHARGE OF A SHERIFF. BRINGING IN A WHITE DEPUTY WHO HAD KILLED

ARRESTED IN BRIDGEPORT FOR SLANDERING Denver, Dec. 11.-A brief dispatch was received

a slander suit for \$25,000 were served this evening on the Rev. Joseph Pullman, paster of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city. The suit was brought by Arthur Rehan, manager for Mile. Jane May, who is playing Pierrot in the musical pantomime "Miss Pygmalion," The plaintiff in the suit alleges that Mr. Pullman in a sermon delivered on Sunday evening. December 2, referred disparag-insly to the recent appearance here of Mile. May, whom he characterized as a "low, brilliam, swell Paristan courtesan."

Bonds in the case were fixed at \$25,000. Mr. Pull-

Paristan courtesan.

Bonds in the case were fixed at \$25,000. Mr. Puliman, being unable to furnish bonds, he was taken to the church in custody of the Sheriff, where he conducted a prayer meeting. He made no reference to the suit. At a late hour H. W. Platt, W. E. Ritch, R. E. Lauder, H. H. Scribner, N. E. Wordin and J. B. Hallett qualified in various sums to the amount of \$25,000 as bondsmen.

MILITIA TO PROTECT & COLLEGE.

DISCOVERY OF STOLEN BODIES IN A DISSECTING. ROOM RAISES AN ANGRY MOB IN TOPEKA.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 11.-Governor Merrill to-night called our Battery B, of the State militia, here, to protect the Kansas Medical College, which was threatened by a mob. A company at Lawrence was also notified to be in readiness to move on Topeks. A cordon of police officials were placed on duty at the college. At a late hour, however, all was quier in the vicinity of the college building, and the Governor retired, having informed the Lawrence company their services would not be required. The trouble was caused by the discovery in the dissect-ing-room of the college of the bodies of three wom-en stelen from Topeka cometeries.

EXPLOSION IN 4 COAL MINE.

ONE MAN KILLED AND TWO OTHERS PROBABLY DEAD.

A GALE ON THE NEW-ENGLAND COAST.

night in the grasp of the worst snowstorm of the year. Already seven inches of snow has fallen and the storm is increasing in force. All trains are the storm is increasing in force. All trains are behind time and traffic in the city is greatly hindered. The observer at Turtle Light, Lake Eric, is reported to have seen a three-masted schooner this afternoon about four miles east of the light, scuiding along under bare poles and apparently in discress. The identity of the vessel cannot be established here.

Nantucket, Dec. 11.-At sunset the easterly gale that kept up a steady fifty-mile clip all day had not abated. Snow has begun to fall, and it will be a wild night. The Government telephone line has been prostrated and the Nantucket Central Railroad tracks are washed out.

Plymouth, Mass., Dec. II .- A furious storm has been raging here all day, and it has snowed hard at intervals. The wind is northeast and blows a at intervals. The wind is northeast and blows a gale, the tide is very high and the sea one mass of toam. Three small fishing boats are at anchor in the lower harbor and the sea is breaking way across from Rocky Hill to the Gurnet. At Hotel Pilgrim part of the breakwater has been carried

CHARLES FOSTER IN TOWN

Ex-Governor Charles Foster, of Fosteria, Ohio, who was Secretary of the Treasury under Precident Harrison, arrived in the city from Washing-ton last evening and was seen by a Tribune reporter at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where he is staying. The ex-Governor said that he was here only on private business which might detain him in the city for a week.

Mr. Foster, in reply to an inquiry, said that Ohlowine soild for Governor McKinley for the Presidential nomination.

SUNK BY THE GERMANIC. GOOD DISCIPLINE SAVED HER. PHILADELPHIA SUFFERS, TOO. CHANGES HER STORY AGAIN.

EVER HAD.

TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COR-RUPTION AT ONCE BEGINS TO

COME TO LIGHT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.-The Senate committee appointed to investigate the municipal affairs of this city resumed its sessions this afternoon and a line of inquiry was begun which promises to be more prolific of developments of abuses than heretofore. To-day for the first time the probe was inserted into the workings of the Police Department, and there would seem to be much rottenness in that part of the city govern-

When the session of the committee began the investigation into the system of lighting the city by contracts with private electric light companies was resumed. Nothing particularly new was developed. It was shown that several companies which have contracts for lighting particular parts of the city were not doing the work themselves, and that other companies which the city has no contracts with are lighting the streets. It was not shown how this came about, but it is probable that the companies which have the contracts have sublet them to those doing the lighting. Further testimony was submitted showing that if ordinary business methods were enforced the city could obtain much cheaper rates for lighting the streets

At the close of the testimony bearing on the PEOPLE WILL NOT BELIEVE HER AGAIN. lighting of the streets, Silas W. Pettit, counsel vestigation of the Police Department. Mr. frighten respectable citizens who wish the abolishment of them, and he asked that the persecution by the police all witnesses who might testify before it in regard to these mat-Mr. Pettit also charged that the police, in direct defiance of the law under which the city is governed, are obnoxiously active in politics, and he said that after he had presented

his views the committee would undoubtedly recommend in its report to the Legislature some legislation bearing directly on this subject.

D. C. Gibboney, secretary of the Law and Order Society, was called. He testified that the particular object o, the society was the suppression of lilled saloons and disorderly licensed places. The witners speke in the most favorable terms of the support and aid extended to the society's work by Mr. Eutier, the Director of Public Safety, and Superintendent Linden. Their efforts had beer honestly seconded by some of the police identenants and patrolmen, but in a majority of the police districts there are active defenders of "speak-easies" and "dives." He told of how detectives of the society have frequently seen policemen in full uniform drinking in "speak easies" and saloons, and how, when they got a "dive" proprietor in court for keeping a disorderly house, he was frequently cleared through the testimony of policemen.

Mr. Gibbaney also scored the Police Board, before which policemen are tried for offences unbecoming an officer. The Board consists of the police captains, and Mr. Gibboney said that he had determined never to make a charge against an officer again, as in almost every case the accused man had gone scot free or escaped with a light fine. Mr. Gibboney had not finished his testimony when the committee adjourned until tomorrow. his views the committee would undoubtedly

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THE APACHE TROUBLES.

AN INDIAN.

way to Globe with Bols, the white deputy, who

washington, Dec. II.—The character of the in-formation received at the War Department con-cerning the reported Apache outbreak in Arizona shows it to be triffing and not likely to lead to any general uprising. One telegram received at the War Department to-day from the commanding ofof the 7th Cavalry, had found a dead Indian on the Cibles, Lieutenant Fenton also secured a pack mule to the dispatch the scare arose through the reports that the Indians were looting ranches. The Indian Bareau has received no advices since Saturday concerning the stilling of settlers by Apaches in the Southwest. Some information is expected as soon as Agent Myer, of the San Carlos Reservation, reaches his post of duty. and outfit belonging to the murderer.

A THREATENED MEAT FAMINE.

THE STEAMER NONOWANTUCS INABILITY TO CROSS THE SOUND IN YESTERDAY'S GALE MAKES TROUBLE IN PORT JEFFERSON.

The full force of the northeaster was felt on the north shore of Long Island yesterday. The steamer Nonowantue, which runs regularly between Port Jefferson and Bridgeport, was unable to make her trip on account of the violence of the wind and waves. She left her pier at Main-st., Port Jefferson, at the usual time, 8:30 a. m. When she got as far as the breaks ater, however, Captain Tooker dewind would moderate, but, finding that it was increasing, he finally put back to his moorings. This

Mine No. 15, of the Rich Hill Coal Company, about 6 o'clock this evening. The entrance is badly torn up and the mine cannot be entered. Three men were imprisoned, two shot-firers and the stable boss. Their names are "Dick" Towes, "Jim" Donaldson and Owen Meals. Meals's body was recovered, but the others are beyond reach at present. The mine is a mile and three-quarters south of Rich Hill and employs 175 men, thouga at the time of the accident all the regular miners are supposed to have been out of the mine at only the shot-firers had any business therein. No cause for the accident can yet 1 assigned.

WINTRY WEATHER EAST AND WEST.

A HEAVY SNOWSTORM IN THE OHIO VALLEY AND A GALE ON THE NEW-ENGLAND COAST.

Buffalo, Dec. II.—Thomas Essord, an iron worker, imployed on the new Ellicott Square Building, feil from the ninth story this morning and was instant-y killed.

Toledo, Dec. II.—Thirty-five employes on the grading of the Lima Northern Ruffroad at Lima struck to-day because the coal used in keeping their camp warm was charged against them.

Troy, Dec. II.—A fancy goods store in Lansing-burg was burned this morning. Mrs. H. E. Silter, the invalid proprietor, who lived there, and her nurse, Mary Harris, were burned to death. It is thought that a lamp set fire to the bed-ciothing.

Denison, Tex., Dec. II.—The Chickasaw delegation appointed by Gavernor Mosely left here to-day for Washington. They are instructed to use all possible means to prevent the opening of the Indian Territory. The chief spokesman is Josiah Brun, better known among the full-bloods as Isa-to-bu. Baldwin, Mich., Dec. II.—The Baldwin Milling Company's mill, elevator, sheds and barns were destroyed by fire last night; loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$12,000 Congressman R P. Bishop is one of the principal stockholders of the company.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. II.—U. S. Brock, well known as a speculator on the Board of Trade, committed suicide or by accident turned on the gas in his room in a local hotel yesterday. He is said to have lost heavily lately. Brock was a single man, about thirty-five years of age. Hancock, lowa, was his home.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. II.—The Supreme Court has granted a new trial in the case of Dr. D. J. Seaman, who was convicted at Detroit of mansiaugner in having caused the death by a criminal operation of Emily Hall, an English girl, who had been betrayed by the Rev. Jonathan Bell, and sent to this country for the purpose of having the operation performed.

SHE SENDS THE STEAMSHIP CUMBRAE TO DESTRUCTION OF THE CRUISER CINCIN. JUST AS BAD POLICEMEN AS NEW-YORK BARBARA AUB NOW SAYS HER TESTI-MONY WAS TRUE.

HER CONFESSION TO RECORDER GOFF WAS

FALSE-UNDUE INFLUENCE, SHE IS SAID TO HAVE ALLEGED, WAS USED AT

Barbara Aub, the young woman who caused the conviction of Walter L. S. Langerman by her direct and positive testimony; who afterward saved him from being sentenced to prison for a long term by confessing to Recorder Goff that testimony on his trial was false; who was indicted for perjury and locked up in the Tombs on account of that confession; and who wanted to plead guilty to the indictment on Monday before Judge Cowing in the Court of General Sessions, retracted her confession yesterday in a talk with one of her relatives. The announcement of her retraction was made by Assistant District-Attorney Townsend, who prosecuted Langerman, and who has expressed doubts of the truthfulness of Barbara's confession to the

It was declared that the young woman had relterated her first charge against Langerman, and had sought to explain her confession to the Recorder by accusing Mary M. Keilard of using undue influence over her at the Door of Hope Mission. Miss Kellard was one of the two women who were present with Barbara when she made her confession to the Recorder.

No matter what further confessions or refor the Citizens' Municipal Association, said tractions are made by Barbara Aub hereafter, that he proposed to lead the inquiry into an in- she will not be believed by the public, and it would be impossible to convict Langerman or Pettit asserted that the police connive at the any other person on her testimony again, She maintenance of illicit saloons, policy shops, will be regarded as a person who is either in-"dives" and such places. He further asserted | same, or whose mind is so much perverted that that the keepers of these places and the police she is willing to perfure herself on the slightest provocation. She adhered to her accusations of Langerman wi hout flinching throughout a committee protect with its full power against long and severe cross-examination. After she made her confession she clung to it persistently to the point of apparently being willing to accept punishment for perjury. Her motive for making a retraction yesterday was not known to

There was excitement at the Court of General Sessions yesterday when the report that Bar- coach, There were several women in the coach, bara Aub had retracted her confession was made by Assistant District-Attorney Robert Townsend. He was in Part I conducting the prosecution of some cases. He said that Mrs. Mitcheil, one of the aunts of Barbara, had come to him and had informed him that the retraction was made to her in the Tombs. Mitchell had had an interview with Barbara, he said, and in a period of weeping the girl had told her aunt that the confession was false and that her testimony given at the trial of Langerman was true. Barbara said she had been pressed to make the confession by people at the Door of Hope, where she was staying after the trial. She said she had been forced into making the confession by Miss Kellard, one of the women in charge there.

MRS. MITCHELL GREATLY AFFECTED.

While telling Colonel Townsend this Mrs. Mitchell was very nervous and agitated. She was greatly impressed by the remarkable story told by her niece.

Colonel Townsend communicated the intelligence to District-Attorney Fellows and to Judge Cow v3. To was sitting in Part I. Frederick B. House, the lawyer who had been assigned as counsel to Barbara Aub by Judge Cowing, also talked with District-Attorney Fel-lows and Judge Cowing.

MR HOUSES STATEMENT

Mr. House went to the Tombs Prison at 3 p. klifet one of the Indians caught in the act of lost-ing a ranch house in the absence of its tenanis.

The commandant at Fort Apache added that trouble is anticipated, but of what nature he does not state.

While the Indians caught in the act of lost-ing a ranch house in the absence of its tenanis.

Aub. Mr. House was then informed that his cli-ent had retracted her confession and insisted to Mrs. Kauffer that her testimony at the trial was ent had retracted her confession and insisted to Mrs. Kauffer that her testimony at the trial was true. Mr. House then rushed over to the Criminal Courts Building and had a conference in Judge Cowing's chambers. This conference was attend-ed by Colonel Fellows and Assistant District-Attorney Townsend. Then Mr. House returned to the prison and talked with Barbara and her three aums, Mrs. Kauffer, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Wichall until 529 o'closie.

Mitchell, until 5.20 o'clock.

Mr. House sald, later: "You can take my word for it, there has been a retraction made. It was not made to me, nor in my presence, but to the last aunt who has interested herself in the case

Further inquiries on the same line induced him to say: "I am not an allenist and therefore not able to determine as to her mental condition. She has a habit of rubbing her head and her gaze is not steady. Her speech is disconnected, but I would hardly call it incoherent."

Mr. House refused to tell what happened during the time he was with Barbara, except that he did not get a confession from her, because she was too agitated to do much talking to anybody. Whatever refraction she did make was body. Whatever retraction she did make was not taken down in writing. Mr. House said he had made an engagement to see his client as near \$:30 o'clock this morning as he could get downtown, at which time he expected to obtain a statement from her which he would put into writing.

COLORADO GOLD STOCKS RISING.

DISCOVERY THAT ONE MINING CAMP IS ON A

GOVERNMENT RESERVATION. Denver. Col., Dec. 11.-The manipulation of one Rich Hill, Mo., Dec II.—An explosion occurred in is an unusual circumstance in the history of this of the new stocks yesterday and to-day created boat. She was built expressly for this service, and quite a change from the routine of the past two steadily forced upward, standing at the close several points better. On other stocks the market stands firm, and trading remains apparently heavy in volume. Several large buying orders from the East were filled to-day, and in Colorado Springs it was learned that some large buying orders had been cabled during the night from London.

The discovery that the West Creek mining district is muon the Pike's Peak Reservation will check interest somewhat in that locality, as Congress must act before a patent can issue for mining properties there. A similar mineral formation is reported near Pine Grove Station, on the South Park Railroad. road.
Transfers of Cripple Creek property by sale, lease and bond are numerous, in spite of the advancing prices placed upon their claims by the original locaters.

> THREE WRECKS ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN Petersburg, Va., Dec. 11.-There were three wrecks the Norfolk and Western Railroad between midnight last night and early this morning. first occurred at the Norfolk and Southern Junc-tion, a few miles west of Norfolk; the second near Windson, and the third about three miles from Pord's Station. The trains were trights, and al-most twenty cars were wrecked. The tracks were badly blocked, and all trains were delayed from two to three hours. No one was injured.

DATE OF DURRANT'S HANGING FIXED.

San Francisco, Dec. 11 .- Judge Murphy this after oon fixed February 21, 1895, as the date for the execution of W. H. T. Durrant, convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont in April last. The application of Durrant's counsel for a writ of probable cause was denied by Julge Murphy this morning. The motion for a stay of proceedings will be passed upor to-morrow.

Durrant is not elated over the prospect of his removal to San Quentin Penitentiary, but otherwise he exhibits the same indifference which has marked his bearing throughout the trial.

GENERAL HARRISON TO APPEAR IN COURT. Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 11.-Ex-President Harrison is expected to be in Toledo next Monday to plead in a suit before Judge Ricks, of the United States Court. The case is part of the "Clover Leaf" litigation, and concerns the petition of Charles Hamiin and others, who claim to hold a quantity of preferred stock that is not being represented in the suit. The Continental Trust Company, of New-York will make a motion to strike the Hamilin petition from the files. General Harrison represents the Hamilin interests.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED BACK.

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET WANT HIM TO CON-

SIDER IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Washington, Dec. 11.-President Cleveland's early return to Washington is looked for. It is said on good authority that dispatches have been sent to m by members of his Cabinet, urging that a speclai meeting be called for Monday among other important matters, Lord Salisbury's reply on the Venezuelan matter and Secretary Carlisle's report. The Secretary of the Treasury is inwilling to submit that important document to unwilling to submit that important document to Congress until it has been carefully read and approved by the President and his Cabinet. Hence, the request for a special meeting on Monday, and the te-extraphed suggestions which will probably bring the President back to Washington soon. The storm about Cape Hatterns gives no uneasiness to the friends of the President, who is reported to be in Cape Channel. It was learned to-day that he was varned by telegraph of the coming bad weather by the Weather Bureau. Cape Channel is the best refuge near Hatteras, and the Violet is in no danger there. She is sheltered by an island on one side and by the Cape on the other.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. II.—The storm which settled over Hatteras vesterday has abated and to-night

over Hatterns yesterday has abated and to-night the wind is only blowing at the rate of ten miles an hour. The Violet successfully weathered the gale, but the Presidential party has done no shooting to-day. There is every indication that to-morrow will be an ideal day for duck-shooting. The plans of the President have been nomewhat changed, he having decided not to leave Hatteras until Friday, arriving in Norfolk Saturday and reaching Washington early Monday morning.

SPEAKER REED'S COMMITTEES.

THEY MAY NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL JUST DE-FORE THE HOLIDAY RECESS.

Washington, Dec. 11 (Special).-The prospect now is that Speaker Reed will not be ready to annnounce House committees this week, and perhaps not until late next week, prior to the usual holiday re cess. If he should complete the list by December 22 he would outstrip most of his predecessors, who had lewer difficulties to overcome. It will be understood, of course, that no harm can result from this clay, because the report of the Secretary of the Pressury, on which so much may be said to desend is unaccountably delayed, and, as is now resorted may not be submitted to the House of Repesentatives until next week.

DASTARDLY WORK IN KENTUCKY.

A VOLLEY PIRED OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO A TRAIN LOADED WITH REPUBLICANS.

Eminence, Ky., Dec. it.-Thirty shots were fired upon a trainicad of Louisville Republicans at this place last night as they were returning from the inauguration of Governor Bradley. The shots were fired from out of the darkness. All the windows in the last car of the long train which left Frankfort 7:30 p. m. were shot out, and the bullets tore off a large quantity of splinters of woodwork in the and the excitement was intense. At the first volley everybody lay flat on the floor. The firing continued everybody lay flat on the floor. The firing continued rapidly. The train was just slowing up at Eminence, and in a moment it came to a standatil. Three men were seen in the dark clong the track, and as the train started up again ten more shots were fired through the windows. Fortunately, only one person was hurt. One man's neck was cut by the heavy pieces of glass that flew in all directions through the car. Many members of the Garfield Club, of Louisville, were in the coach. It was here that Governor Bradley broke off the joint debate with General Hardin, because of the disorder of the Democrats present. The attack on the train is believed by some persons to have been the outcome of this.

THE COLT DIVORCE CASE OFF. ALSO THE SUIT AGAINST MR. VAN ALEN, WHO

HAS SAILED FOR EUROPE.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 11.-The Colt case was called this morning, when Mr. Ripley, Mrs. Colt's counsel, appeared before Judge Stiness, of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, and moved for the dismissal of her petition for divorce. In Mrs. Colt's behalf, he said that it gave him great pleasure to withdraw her petition for a separate maintenance and the charges made therein. In read the following letter addressed to him by his

Mrs. Colt being about to discontinue her actio Mrs. Colt being about to discontinue ner action against me. I desire you, on my behalf, to make the following statement to the Court: "In the action brought by me against Mr. Van Alen there was no charge made or intended to be made reflecting in any way upon Mrs. Colt, as some newspapers and individuals have improperly construed it, or sought to construe it. I am not responsible it, or sought to construe it. I am not responsible for any such false and unjustifiable reflections, but, the suit having been so misconstrued and not having been brought with any desire or willingness on my part to secure money damages from the de-fendant. I desire you to see that the same is dis-continued forthwith and without conditions."

The motions for discontinuance in both suits were then granted, the Judge expressing his pleasure at the amicable conclusion arrived at. The attorneys in the case said the affair was now all over, and there was nothing more to say.

James J. Van Alen, who was defendant in the alienation suit recently brought by Colonel Samuel P. Colt. of Providence, salled for Europe yesterday on board the American Line steamship St. Le. Mr. Van Alen's name did not appear on the senger list, and some secrecy was observed in gard to his departure.

MRS. HOWELL LIKELY TO GO FREE.

NOTHING BUT CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AGAINST HER-DETECTIVE DUPIGNAC

ARRESTED.

Wellsboro, Penn., Dec. 11.-This afternoon when court adjourned the taking of evidence closed in the ase of Mrs. Charlotte Howell, who is being tried on the charge of the murder of Miss Elizabeth Knapp. To-morrow the arguments will be begun. but it is likely that they will not be completed so that the judge can make his charge and give the case to the jury before Friday. It is generally regarded as rather more than probable that the jury will acquit Mrs. Howell of the crime, as the evidence the rulings of the court the Commonwealth has been deprived of the use of some of the links con-sidered important in its chain of evidence, while he defence has shown Mrs. Howell's good reputation at Tioga, where she lived, and her apparent utter lack of motive for the crime. In addition she has been placed by a number of witnesses where it would have been impossible for her to have sent the scandalous letters which have figured so largely in

The case.

To-day Mrs. Howell was on the stand all the forencon under cross-examination as to seemingly trivial matters concerning Miss Knapp's life while with her and as to how the letters were received. She has not once contradicted herself while on the stand. This afternoon the only important testimony was that of Samuel Adams, who testified that Rightmire. Miss Knapp's alleged discarded lover, once said to him that if he coudn't "have Libble" Knapp, no other cellow should have her"—and this after their engagement had been broken off by the girl.

effer their engagement had been broken off by the gift.

This morning a sensation was created when it became known that Mrs. Howell had made an information against Dupignae, the New-York detective who worked up the case against her, charging him with having made improper proposals to her in the District-Attorney's office here last August. Dupignae was arrested and promptly gave ball. Mrs. Howell previously testified to the detective's approaches, and Dupignae at the time indignantly denied the story. He offered to prove by half a dozen respected and prominent citizens of this place that he was not in the room an instant, and that Mrs. Howell lied as to the incidents she related about their alleged interview. The testimony of the profilered witnesses, however, was ruled out.

AN ITALIAN SHOT BY A COMRADE.

Bastiano Morello, an Italian, thirty-six years old, lying le the Italian colony in East New-York, was probably fatally shot last night by Jalen Rollo, a fellow-countryman, in front of Antoni Vicenzo's grocery store at Myrtle and Hamburg aves., Brookiyn. The shocting was the outcome of a quarrel over a same of cards, in which the two men and three other Italians had been engaged in a room in the rear of Vicenzo's store. Morello had been ejected from the place, and Rollo followed him to the sidewalk, where four pistol shots were fired in the sidewalk, where four bisto states were then in rapid succession. When the others in the place reached the sidewalk they found Morello lying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk, and Rollo had disappeared. The ambulance surgeon from St. Mary's Hospital found that only one bullet had taken effect, and had lodged in the left breast over the heart. feet, and had longed in the shooting, al-heart. Rollo was arrested and denied the shooting, al-though Morello identified him as the man who had shot him.

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MAGNIFICENT CHRISTMAS NUMBER of 72 pages will be issued on Sunday next, December 15. In addition to all the news, it will coatain a superby illustrated Art Section of 28 pages, in colors and half tones, including a galaxy of features appropriate to Christmaside, among which will be "A Tragic Idyl," by Paul Bourget; the Herald's \$1,000 Prize Epic Poem, the Herald Building as a Doll's House, a Yachting Puzzle, and a host of other good things.

Price, as usual, 5 Cents. Don't miss it.—Adv. Brooklyn approaches were a disgrace to both

TWO IRONS IN THE FIRE.

BRIDGE TRUSTEES AS STOCKHOLDERS OF STREET CAR COMPANIES.

PRESIDENT JAMES HOWELL AND SETH L. KEENET SEE NO HARM IN ACTING OFFICIALLY ON RE-QUESTS FAVORING THEIR PRIVATE IN-

> TERESTS-THE SESSIONS OF THE AS-SEMBLA CITIES COMMITTEE AT AN END.

The investigation of the affairs of the Brooklyn Bridge by the Assembly Cities Committee was practically finished yesterday, and the closing testimony was of a kind to surprise and shock the citizens of New-York and Brooklyn who have had confidence in the good faith and fitness of the

Bridge trustees. It is well known that the best public sentiment in both cities is opposed to the spoiling of the Plaza at the Brooklyn end of the Bridge by allowing it to be occupied by the tracks of a



trolley line, and it will be held to be a scandal

that Bridge trustees are stockholders in the trolley company which wants to spoil the Plaza. The Tribune yesterday reported the testimony of James Howell, president of the New-York and Brooklyn Bridge, admitting that he was a stockholder in the Brooklyn Heights Railroad, and declaring that he favored the plan allowing the

railroad to occupy part of the Plaza. Mr. Howell, who is the president of the Board of Bridge Trustees, was asked yesterday whether or not he thought it was consistent for him to hold stock of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Com-



JAMES KING DUFFY.

lyn Heights Railroad Company is asking favors of the trustees.

Mr. Howell said he thought that made no difference; that his stock holdings did not in the least influence his action as a trustee. He added that Bridge passengers should have the best possible access to the structure, and that the railroads leading thereto should have good connec-

tions with it. "Are you in favor of the proposal to have the Brooklyn Heights Ratiroad occupy the Plaza?" was asked.

"Yes, at a fair rental." "Then you do not consider the \$3,000 proposed

"I do not. I am in favor of the rullroad's paying 5 per cent of the cost of the property, and will insist on that basis of remuneration as far as I can. It is not right to make 30,000 people who use the Brooklyn Heights line to the Bridge cross the

Plaza through slush and mud, if it can be avoided."

A TRUSTEE AND A STOCKHOLDER. Yesterday Seth L. Keeney, who has been a trustee of the Bridge for ten years, and is chairman of the Terminal Committee, admitted that he was both a slockholder and a director in the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, but he denied that he had voted to allow the occupation of the Plaza by the railroad or had openly ad-

vocated such a plan. The land for a part of the Plaza was purchased from the Railroad Company for \$160,000, and the president of the company was reported to have said that if the company could get permission to have its tracks on the Plaza it would be practically getting the land back for noth-

Such a statement was remembered by Mayor Schieren, who was a witness before the composed to the occupation of any part of the Plaza by the tracks of a trolley line, and Controller Fitch of this city is known to hold the same position. The best citizens of both cities undoubtedly believe that no such occupation of the Plaza should be tolerated, and they also are united in the belief that no man who has a proper regard for propriety and the duties of official positior would retain the office of Bridge trustee and also hold interests in railroad corporations which ask favors from the Bridge off-

cials. UNABLE TO FIND BRADLEY.

The expert subpoena servers of the committee, Bradley for the last week, have not yet succeeded in finding him. Charles W. Zaring, one of the counsel for the committee, said yesterday that he heard that Senator Bradley was seen on the Bridge on Saturday last. Since that time the Senator has been undiscovered, and the subpoena servers cannot find him.

When the investigation was resumed yesterday morning at the City Hall, J. L. Whittet and C. C. Cole were the only members of the committee present. Mr. Whittet presided. President Howell, of the Bridge trustees, again took the stand. He was examined by James King Duffy, associate counsel for the committee. He said that the improvements now going on at both ends of the Bridge were the ideas of experts appointed by the Mayors of New-York and Brooklyn and by the witness as president of the trustees. Mr. Howell said he dld not think he had any right to dictate